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SUBJECT: CABINDAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE

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1. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, DEPUTY UNHCR MACE ADVISES THAT UNHCR EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN DESK OFFICER, G. K. IACOVOU, (CYPRIOT NATIONAL) PROCEEDING TO ZAIRE THIS WEEKEND TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION OF REFUGEES THERE. MACE REPORTED THAT IACOVOU IS HIGHLY THOUGHT OF IN UNHCR AS A SHARP, SEASONED EXPERT ON REFUGEE MATTERS. PROCEEDING ALONE FROM GENEVA, HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON HIS TRAVELS IN ZAIRE BY NOEL AND POSSIBLY OTHER MEMBERS OF UNHCR TEAM.

2. MACE STATED THAT UNHCR HEADQUARTERS IS "UNEASY ABOUT SITUATION" AND WISHES TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS IT HAS RECEIVED THAT REFUGEES HAVE DIED IN ZAIRE. FURTHER, HE VOLUNTEERED THAT HIS OFFICE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF WEISNER REPORT AND "WELL AWARE OF FACT U.S. IS UNHAPPY."

3. ALTHOUGH MISSOFF QUERY WHETHER IACOVOU PLANNED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH U.S. EMBASSY ELICITED NO DIRECT RESPONSE, WE BELIEVE THIS LIKELY, BUT IT
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IS SAFE BET THAT NOEL WILL BE THERE, TOO.

4. COMMENT: WHILE MACE'S COMMENTS WERE CONFINED TO THOSE FEW REPORTED ABOVE DURING BRIEF EXCHANGE, IT IS EVIDENT THAT UNHCR IS ACTIVELY AND DEEPLY CONCERNED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SITUATION HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BY UNHCR AND USG REPS IN WASHINGTON/NEW YORK.

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